



## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(D)1

TO: Honorable Chairperson Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 5, 2005

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk  
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Appointment of Member to  
the Public Library Advisory  
Board

*Kay Sullivan*  
Kay Sullivan, Director  
Clerk of the Board Division

Please select one of the nominees listed on the attached run-off ballot to fill one vacancy on the Library Advisory Board.

On March 15, 2005, a ballot was presented to the Board of County Commissioners to fill four vacancies on the Library Advisory Board. Upon tallying the ballots, three of the vacancies were filled by a majority vote, however, the tally of the ballots to fill the remaining vacancy resulted in the following tie vote:

<u>March 15, 2005</u>	
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Lea Nickless Verecchia	4
Sandra K. Vanden	4
Stephen K. Halpert	0

In accordance with Section 2-194 of the Miami-Dade County Code, the Library Advisory Board submitted in order of preference, the names of qualified candidates from which a replacement can be selected. The Advisory Board recommends the appointment of Ms. Lea Nickless Verrechia to fill the seat vacated by Georgina Angones, who resigned.

The resume of each candidate, the Director of Libraries' memorandum dated October 29, 2004, and the run-off ballot of the two nominees who received four votes are attached.

KS:dc  
attachment

**COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BALLOT**

Miami-Dade County, Florida

**APRIL 5, 2005**

**PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

**APPOINTMENT TO REPLACE GEORGINA ANGONES**

Vote (✓) for One

Lea Nickless Verrecchia

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Sandra K. Vanden

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**Commissioner** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please *sign ballot*)

**Commission District Number** \_\_\_\_\_


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Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts  
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners  
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# Memorandum



**Date:** October 29, 2004

**To:** Kenneth Guldstrand  
Deputy Clerk's Office  
Clerk of the Board

**From:** Raymond Santiago   
Director of Libraries

**Subject:** Library Advisory Board Vacancies

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In compliance with ordinance 77-81, the Library Advisory Board, at its meeting of September 13, 2004, selected candidates to fill four vacancies on the Board. All candidates are qualified and each has agreed to serve if appointed by the Commission.

The Advisory Board highly recommends that Lea Nickless Verrecchia be appointed to fill the term for Georgina Angones, who resigned on October 23, 2004. The Board highly recommends the reappointment of three incumbents: Florentino L. Gonzalez, Geoffrey Philp, and Maria Velez. They have given invaluable time and effort in their service to the Library and the community.

Attached is a list of the candidates, named in order of Board preference.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Attachments

cc: George M. Burgess, County Manager  
Alina Tejeda Hudak, Assistant County Manager  
Suzet Tagle Alvarez, Assistant to the County Manager

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CLERK, CLERK OF COUNTY COURTS  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLA.  
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# LEA NICKLESS VERRECCHIA

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2003 – present **Freelance Curator and Educational Consultant**

- Curated traveling exhibition and wrote catalogue *Turning Pages: Celebrating South Florida Artist-Made Books* for Miami-Dade College, Jaffe Collection, FAU, and Bienes Center, Broward County Library.
- Curated exhibition *Continuum: New Works* for Miami-Dade Community College, Frances Wolfson Gallery

1997 – 2002 **Miami-Dade Art in Public Places** Miami, Florida  
*Coordinator of Education and Community Outreach*

- Served as assistant to director of nationally renowned percent-for-art program
- Worked with and reported to Art in Public Places Trust to implement projects
- Developed and implemented educational and community outreach programs integrating complex collaborative relationships with diverse partners. These programs include *Master-Peace* (partnering with Dade County Public Schools), *PATH* (partnering with Miami-Dade Housing Agency), and ArtCARE (partnering with the Cultural Affairs Council and Bay Point Schools, a pilot project of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice)
- Wrote and produced all promotional and educational printed matter for agency
- Produced press releases and communicated regularly with press for positive coverage of projects
- Wrote grants and received funding for education programs
- Curated exhibition celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of program
- Oversaw website development and maintenance
- Provided tours of art installations for special groups and school tours
- Provided slide lectures and sat on panel discussions regarding public art and Miami-Dade Art in Public Places
- Wrote, edited and produced a 7-minute video on *Master-Peace*

1996 - 1997 **The Wolfsonian-FIU** Miami Beach, Florida  
*Education Coordinator*

- Developed and implemented programs to interpret the ideas, images, and objects presented in the museum's collections
- Served as liaison to Dade County Public Schools Museum Education Program
- Developed and implemented pilot program for 5<sup>th</sup> grade school children titled *4 Page at a Time* in which children received tours of Wolfsonian exhibitions and then created collaborative books that were then exhibited
- Trained and managed team of docents who provided guided museum tours
- Worked with Wolfsonian Board of Trustees

1986 - 1996     **The Mitchell Wolfson, Jr. Collection**  
*Collections Assistant to Mr. Wolfson*

Miami, Florida

- Worked closely with private art collector, Mitchell Wolfson, Jr.
- Served as liaison for Mitchell Wolfson, Jr. to the Wolfsonian Foundation and the Wolfsonian Board of Trustees
- Coordinated all aspects of acquisition of works of art for museum including identifying, researching, negotiating with seller, making arrangements for shipping, final approvals, and payment
- Served as editorial assistant for publication *Miami Beach: Blueprint of an Eden* working with Mitchell Wolfson, Jr. and artist Michele Oka Doner

#### EDUCATION

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1983             Bachelor of Arts, Studio Arts

#### GRANTS AND AWARDS

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- Arts Educator of the Year, 1999, Children's *Cultural Coalition*, Miami, FL
- China Adventure Program, *The Durfee Foundation*, 1986, Los Angeles, California. Wrote grant and received full funding for 3-month study program in the People's Republic of China focusing on the textiles and costume of one of China's ethnic minorities.
- Wrote many successful grants and award applications for Art in Public Places and for The Junior League of Miami.

#### BOARDS AND PANELS

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- Executive Board Member, *Flamingos in Paradise*
- Schools of Choice Advisory Committee, appointed by school board member, Betsy Kaplan (1998 - 2002)
- Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs Community Grants Program panelist (1998 - 2001)
- Chestler Contemporary Visual Arts Award Selection Panelist (1998-present)
- Board of Directors, Inn Transition North, Junior League of Miami, Inc. (1997-present)
- Juror for Coconut Grove Arts Festival (1999, 2000)

#### VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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- Member of the Junior League of Miami, Inc. 1990 - present
- Filmed and edited video/dvd for Church mission trip to Honduras, 2003

#### SKILLS

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- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Strong writing skills
- Team player and problem solver
- Exceptional computer skills (Microsoft Office, Photoshop, Publisher, Front Page)

- Self motivated, organized and good time management skills
- Detail oriented and creative

#### REFERENCES

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Available upon request

Sandra K. Vanden - 4265 Braganza Avenue, Miami, FL 33133  
PH 305-666-4807 - FX 305/666-4905 - E SVan6@aol.com

#### **OVERVIEW**

Accomplished planner, organizer and producer developing and implementing strategies and programs. Public and private background in proposal development, legislative actions, marketing, and community service programs.

#### **BUSINESS 1988 to 1997**

**Gulfstream Park, Ft. Lauderdale, FL**

Quality Service Coordinator / Liaison to the President

Designed, constructed and implemented Total Quality Customer Service program

**GREATER MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Miami, FL**

Director, Economic Development

Directed projects, newsletters, seminars, training and marketing activities for the Empowerment Zone Committee, Dade Economic Master Plan Project, Dade Manufacturers' Council / Biomedical Exchange Forum, and the Quality Council committee.

**UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, Miami, FL**

Editorial Coordinator - *American Journal of Physiology: Lung Cellular and Molecular Physiology*

Directed manuscript review process, publication schedule, organizational policies, structures and financial accounts. Coordinated work of 15 associate editors, members of the editorial board, reviewers and authors; reduced manuscript review process from three months to 21 days. Coordinated all aspects of relocating this department to Georgetown University in 1990.

#### **GOVERNMENT 1985 - 1988**

**UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC**

Dante B. Fascell - Congressional Office - Legislative Assistant

Researched, developed and coordinated submission of legislative proposals; coordinated constituent activities, researched and resolved constituent issues; drafted *Congressional Record* statements and media releases.

**UNITED STATES SENATE, Washington, DC**

Bob Dole - S senate Office and Senate Minority Leader's Office - Legislative Assistant

Researched and developed state studies, congressional actions and political analyses. Drafted congressional statements and press releases. Investigated, coordinated and resolved constituent issues.

**RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, INC., Washington, DC**

Business Research and Competitor Analysis

Assistant to the president for administration, marketing, client relations and editorial review. Planned and conducted research projects; developed information and sourcing strategies; liaison to Capitol Hill.

#### **EDUCATION**

Smith College, Northampton, MA, 1988 - B.A. Major in Government, Minors in Economics and International Affairs

Georgetown University, Washington, DC, 1987 - Certificate: Comparative Political and Economic Systems

Miami Dade Community College South, Miami, FL, 1985 - Faculty Award: Outstanding Student So. Camp.

**additionally:**

Smith College School of Management, Certificate, Executive Management Critical Issues Program, 1999

University of Miami, Certificate, Executive Education for Nonprofit Management, 1998

Barry University/Florida Association of Nonprofit Organizations, Certificate, Nonprofit Management, 1997

Florida International University, Certificate, Total Quality Service, 1994

Dale Carnegie Institute, Certificate, Effective Speaking and Influencing Business, Highest Achievement Award, 1993

#### **CURRENT ACTIVITIES & AWARDS**

Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition - Board of directors chairperson-elect, chair of Scholarship & Career Fair committees

National DAR Award for Community Service 2003 - to honor creation and success of annual Career Fair for middle school students

Christ the King Lutheran Church - Immediate Past President of Council; current council member

Lutheran Services of Florida 2004 Good Samaritan Award for volunteerism

Smith College - Alumnae Association Florida Regional Coordinator; immediate past president Miami Smith College Club - member, book award committee